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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS: FORMIN USHER COMMENTS REGARDING DAVIS  
NOMINATION

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON GOIC FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER USHER, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED HIS OPINION ON OAU "CONSENSUS RESOLUTION" REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. USHER RESPONDED: "THE IVORY COAST POSITION IN THIS MATTER IS CLEAR; UNFORTUNATELY OUR ADVICE WAS NOT FOLLOWED. WE DO KNOW AMBASSADOR DAVIS AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE HIM. HOWEVER, EVEN IF OUR OPINION WERE TO BE NEGATIVE, WE BELIEVE IT IS BEST TO KEEP OUR VIEWS TO OURSELVES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS PROPER TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE THE OAU ACTION WAS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT AND A BAD MISTAKE. THE IVORY COAST WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION EVEN IF IT IS NOT FOLLOWED BY OTHER OAU COUNTRIES."

2. PURSUING QUESTION, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED THAT ASSUMING AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD A NEGATIVE OPINION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS WERE MADE PUBLIC, HOW WOULD THIS AFFECT HIS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT HIS FUNCTIONS? "IT DEPENDS UPON HOW COUNTRIES CONCEIVE THEIR RELATIONS TO BE. US/IVORY COAST RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT. WHEN A US GOVERNMENT PERSONALITY VISITS US, IT IS NOT HIM PERSONALLY THAT WE ARE RECEIVING, BUT RATHER THE COUNTRY HE REPRESENTS.

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ONE CAN BE OPPOSED TO A PERSON BUT HIS IDENTITY DOES NOT

COUNT. I AM PERSONALLY FRIENDLY WITH A RUSSIAN WHO WORKED IN THE U.N., YET THE IVORY COAST DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, WHEN I MEET WITH THIS GENTLEMAN IT IS AS A FRIEND AND UNOFFICIALLY."

3. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A GOOD POINT AND HE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY USHER WAS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IVORY COAST POSITION REGARDING NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR DAVIS IS CLEAR AND THAT THRUST OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

5. FULL REPORT ON CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' VISIT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
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